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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8805
AMCONSUL MADRAS

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SUBJECT: NORTON SIMON NATARAJA

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO NORTON SIMON FROM
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT
THEY WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOURS TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER OF THE NATARAJ SIVA. THEY DID NOT ELABORATE,
BUT CLEARLY THEIR PROPOSAL IS MADE IN A SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION.
(IN CONTRAST, THAT IS, WITH THEIR FIRST COMMUNICATION ON THE
SUBJECT WHICH WE RECEIVED ONLY A MONTH AGO. IT WAS LEGAL
BRIEF CALLING FOR THE ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT OF THE ART
DEALER INVOLVED.) AS I DO NOT KNOW PRECISELY WITH WHOM YOUR
REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE DEALING -- THEY DECLINE TO SAY --
AND OBVIOUSLY CANNOT KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE
OUTCOME, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO ADVISE YOU ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER. HOWEVER I WILL SAY THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THEY
HAVE ALMOST WHOLLY CHANGED THEIR APPROACH TO THIS MATTER
ONCE THEY LEARNED OF THE STATESMANLIKE WAY IN WHICH YOU
HAVE BEEN TRYING TO THINK WHAT MIGHT BE A CONSTRUCTIVE
OUTCOME. I WILL LEAVE IT THAT THE EMBASSY STANDS READY
TO PROVIDE THE FULLEST ASSISTANCE TO ANYONE YOU SEND, SHOULD
YOU CHOSE THAT COURSE. WARM REGARDS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.
END QUOTE.MOYNIHAN

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